

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club - Minutes of the Meeting - December 4, 1980

The December meeting of the Clay Breakers was held at the Home of Mrs. Roy Williams on Rosaryville Road. At 7:30 P. M. Mrs. William Finley, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed two guests, Earlean Rawe and Betty Abercrombie. She then welcomed Vivian Lynn into membership of the Clay Breakers. Vivian has attended two consecutive meetings and has indicated her desire to become a member.

In the absence of Dotty the minutes were not read. Treasurer Marie White gave a report of income and expenses and gave a balance of \$ 320.30 as of today.

Program Chairman Ann DeBosier stated that the program changes went smoothly except for our February speaker who can only come on the first Thursday as originally planned. It was decided that we will meet on the first Thursday in February. The January meeting will be held on January 8, 1981, at Jimmy Nell's and we will do dried things.

Corresponding Secretary Ann Williams passed notes of thanks from the World Gardening Chairman and from the Scholarship Chairman, both of the Federation. We gave \$ 25.00 to each of these important projects.

It was announced that the Gift Shop at the Activities Center of the Arboretum will be closed from December 15 until March 1, 1981.

Federation Delegate Ann Williams described the program given at the November Federation Meeting - table settings which could use the same basics in cloths and dishes and change the scene with flowers and other accents for the different holiday seasons. She gave us the information which she received from the Federation meeting and she especially emphasized the need for more garden therapy programs among the garden clubs.

Jimmy Nell and Peggy went to the Christmas Greens Exhibition at the Botanic Garden Conservatory this morning to act as hostesses from 9 til 11:30 A. M. It was beautiful, they reported. Janet Shreve will act as hostess on Saturday afternoon. Jimmy told about the beautiful new pinwheel poinsettias they were showing at the Botanic Garden, which she thinks will be on the market next year.

Ann DeBosier asked if we are interested in going as a group to Roblee Estates after December 18 and judging the outdoor decorations. Motion by Ann DeBosier and seconded by Marie White that we do this. Motion Carried. We plan to judge on Monday, 12-22.

Ann Williams presented her program on Christmas decorations. She showed an oval centerpiece used with three candles which could double as a door piece using just the ring which was made of two pieces of cardboard glued together and covered with plastic strips narrow enough to allow you to place the greens in between. She used native pine and red cedar with red berries and cones for accent. Also nuts which were wrapped tightly in a piece of nylon stocking were used. She showed a Welsh Fan and a Whimsy which she had made in a straw weaving demonstration using wheat. If any of us are interested in making these, Ann will show us how. Ann made a grapevine wreath by soaking the vines and forming the circle, tying it with twine until dry. This was decorated with cones and plaid ribbon. She showed a gumball tree made by pushing toothpicks into balls and into glue and inserting into strofoam cone. Other items were angels made with pine cones, acorns and milkweed pods; Sweet potato flowers; money plant petals made into tree ornaments; Queen Ann's Lace sprayed with adhesive and diamond dust; and many more. This was a beautiful demonstration with so many clever and new ideas. Meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.